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hitherto been perpetuated, by aiding in the dissemination of *Truth* on the subject, as it may be drawn, in its most perfect purity, from the Oracles of God:—

We, whose signatures are subjoined, cordially agree to *unite* in exertions to promote the cause of peace—that (although from our comparatively limited moral and pecuniary means we may be enabled to effect but little) we may yet obtain the commendation once bestowed by our Lord;—*She hath done what she could.*

To guide our operations we adopt the following

#### CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This society shall be called the *Essex County Olive-Branch Circle*, and shall be auxiliary to the American Peace Society.

ARTICLE II.—The object of this Society shall be to aid in sustaining the general peace operations of the day, by placing its funds, either directly or indirectly, in the Treasury of the Parent Society.

ARTICLE III.—It shall be the duty of the members of this Society to use their private influence to extend the cause of Peace—especially by instilling into such minds, as may come under their tuition, a sense of the superior dignity which a spirit of forgiveness possesses over a spirit of retaliation;—and by creating in them a distaste for military parade and glory, by exhibiting the custom of War in its true deformities.

ARTICLE IV.—This society shall consist of those ladies who aided in its formation, and of such others—residents of Essex County—as may hereafter sign this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.—Any lady may become a life member of this Society, by contributing the sum of five dollars, at one time, to its funds.

ARTICLE VI.—The gift of life-membership may be conferred upon any lady by a vote of the Board.

ARTICLE VII.—This Society shall be divided into Wards, consisting of one parish each.

ARTICLE VIII.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, two Corresponding Secretaries, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and a Counselling Committee of six, who together, shall constitute the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX.—There shall be, in addition, one President in each ward, chosen by the ladies of the ward, whose duty it shall be to preside at all their meetings; to collect and transmit to the Treasurer their assessments, and to transact all necessary business between them and the board, aided by such other officers as the respective wards may see fit to elect.

ARTICLE X.—This Society shall hold its anniversary meeting on the third Wednesday in April.

ARTICLE XI.—The Recording Secretary shall call a meeting of the Board at the request of two of its members, and a special meeting Society when authorized by a vote of the Board.

ARTICLE XII.—Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XIII.—All the officers of this Society shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE XIV.—The Board shall be empowered to fill all vacancies which may occur in their own number previous to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE XV.—The Board shall appoint the place of the meetings of the Society, and make the needful arrangements.

ARTICLE XVI.—Each member of this Society shall contribute 50 cents annually to its funds.

ARTICLE XVII.—The necessary expenses of the Society shall be defrayed from its funds.

ARTICLE XVIII.—Each ward shall take its turn—in the order appointed by the Board—in determining to what specific object within the limits of the Constitution, the funds of the Society shall be appropriated.

ARTICLE XIX.—This Constitution may be altered or amended, or receive any additions, by a vote of those present, at any regular meeting of the Society.

RESOLVES OF THE SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.—The Synod of Michigan at its annual meeting, holden at Adrian, Oct. 1, 1835, unanimously passed the following resolves:—

Resolved, That this Synod believe that war, in all cases is incompatible with the spirit and principles of the gospel, unless, as in the history of the Israelites, an express command to engage in it, be given from God, for the purpose of executing his vengeance on the ungodly.

Resolved, That it is the privilege of all true Christians to decline military service on conscientious grounds; and that all who do so, are equally entitled to exemption with the Society of "Friends," whose example, in this respect, the Synod deem worthy of imitation.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the ministers of the gospel to inculcate the principles of Peace, and to exhibit more frequently and more fearlessly, the unholy nature, and ruinous tendency of war, and the practicability of honourably adjusting all national differences without a resort to arms.

RESOLVES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.—This Conference convened at Swansey, October 1835.

The following preamble and resolutions on the subject of Peace, were offered by P. R. Russell of Lynn, and seconded by Wm. H. Taylor of Fair Haven.

Whereas, our Divine Master is emphatically *the Prince of Peace*, and interdicted every disposition among his followers to appeal to arms, either for the vindication of their *honour*, or the redress of their wrongs: and whereas the religion of this Glorious Redeemer is in its very genius a religion of *forbearance*, forgiveness, benevolence, and love:—Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the practice of physical war among individuals, or nations, is *a sin against God*, and ought to be immediately and forever abolished.

*Resolved*, That the practice of war among Christian Nations is one of the greatest obstacles to the universal spread and triumph of the gospel.

*Resolved*, That it is the solemn duty of all the disciples of the *Prince of Peace*, and more especially of all the ministers of his religion to use their influence to quell the war spirit in our world, and promote a spirit of Peace.

*Resolved*, That the American Peace Society, as it has for its object, by co-operating with Peace Institutions in European countries, the entire abolition of those bloody and inhuman scenes which are exhibited on the battle field, by the diffusion of light on the whole subject, and arousing the Nations to the policy of Peace, is eminently entitled to the sympathy, co-operation and prayers of the Christian Church.

*Resolved*, That we ardently desire a Court of Nations, where every National dispute may be amicably adjusted.

*Resolved*, That this Conference recommend to all ministers of the Christian Connection, to unite with the 839 ministers of the various denominations of believers who have already pledged themselves, in their praise-worthy resolution, to preach at least once a year, near the 25th of December, on the evils of Physical war, and the duties and blessings of *Peace*.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM HENRY JEFFREYS, Senior Chaplain of the Bombay Presidency, India, to the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the New York State Temperance Society :—

“ Your country has the honour of inventing two of the most valuable institutions that ever blessed mankind—“ The Peace Society,” and “ The Temperance Society.” At least this is my deliberate judgment respecting them, after having employed upon these two subjects all the “ thinking power” that it has pleased God to give me. And if every American viewed these two societies as I do, he would join them both immediately. For Peace and Temperance are the two pillars of your fair Republic. Undermine either and she will fall to ruin. A *Military Republic* is a downright impossibility. It is a bubble that will float but a little way down the stream of time, ere it bursts and disappears. If ever America is intoxicated with military glory, and becomes a conquering nation, she will forge chains for herself, and her free government will degenerate into a military despotism. And if you fail in the great cause of Temperance, and Intemperance should again rage in your country, the very soul sickens at the bare conception of what, a Republic of drunkards might possibly become, and what might be the final consummation. But may God forefend such a catastrophe—may He protect America from these calamities, and may “ Peace and Temperance” spread their blessings from her eastern even to her western shores.”

ANECDOTE OF THE HON. BENJAMIN TALLMADGE.—About two years since, the Rev. Mr. Vanarsdalen delivered an address on the subject of Peace in Litchfield Conn. Col. Tallmadge was present. After the address, he came to Mr. Vanarsdalen, took him very cordially by the hand, and remarked, Mr. Vanarsdalen, I thank you for this address,—I have been in favour of war my whole life,—I now see that I was wrong.—Col. Tallmadge immediately made a donation to the Connecticut Peace society. At his decease, which occurred about a year since, we are informed, that he left further proof of his attachment to a cause which he had thus been led to espouse, by a bequest to the American Peace Society of *two hundred and fifty dollars*.

JOHN BEVANS.—This devoted friend of Peace, died at London, in January last. He had been for a long time Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Society for the Promotion of Permanent and Universal Peace, and Editor of the London Herald of Peace. His fellow labourers will deeply feel, and sincerely regret his loss. But it will be a consoling reflection to them, that though he has ceased from his labours, his works do follow him.

The intelligence of Mr. Bevans death was communicated to us by a gentleman recently returned from Europe, who visited him in the character of Representative from the Connecticut Peace Society. Further particulars we have not received.

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